(d) if so, to what extent the State Governments have agreed and their proposals have been taken into account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been sent to Ministry of Labour and Employment to include NREGA workers under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a health scheme run by Ministry of Labour and Employment.

(c) and (d) At present, unorganized sector workers of BPL category and their family members are eligible to be covered under RSBY. As the scheme is already in operation and no separate scheme is being formulated for NREGA workers, views of the State Governments have not been sought.

**Water crisis in Rajasthan**

574. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in India particularly in Rajasthan which are affected with excess of fluoride, nitrate, salinity, arsenic additives in ground water;

(b) what is percentage share of Rajasthan thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that largest desert State of Rajasthan, has 10.4 per cent of landmass, 5.4 per cent of population, 18.7 per cent of live stock, and only 1 per cent of ground water of the country is most water- deficient State with only 30 safe blocks out of 237; and

(d) whether in view of above factors, Central Government would make some special financial allocation to Rajasthan to tide over its drinking water crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI AGATHA SANGMA): (a) and (b) As reported by various States in the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Department, as on 1.4.2009, about 1.80 lakh rural habitations are reported to be affected with various contaminants *viz.* Arsenic, Fluoride, Iron, nitrate, salinity, etc. in groundwater based drinking water sources, out of which 37,658 *i.e.* about 20.92% are reported from Rajasthan. State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Government of India assists the States by providing financial and technical assistance through centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), under which funds are allocated to States based on approved allocation criteria. Accordingly, during 2009-10, Rs. 427.05 crore has been allocated to Rajasthan out of which, Rs. 366.72 crore has already been released. Once, more than 60% of the total available fund is utilized by the State Government and proposal is made fulfilling the prescribed conditions for release of funds, the remaining amount of NRDWP fund can be released.

***Statement***

*Number of quality-affected habitations as reported by the States in the Online Integrated Management Information System (as on 1.4.2009)*

| Sl.No. | State Name | Contamination-wise number of habitations | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Fluoride | Arsenic | Iron | Salinity | Nitrate |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1,097 | 498 | 483 | 2 | 114 | 0 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 274 | 0 | 0 | 274 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Assam | 26,588 | 517 | 810 | 25,261 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Bihar | 34,909 | 5,957 | 2,510 | 26,442 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 8,379 | 51 | 12 | 8,158 | 158 | 0 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 948 | 450 | 0 | 1 | 274 | 223 |
| 7 | Haryana | 179 | 173 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 88 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 72 | 0 |
| 9 | Jammu and Kashmir | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 10 | Jharkhand | 815 | 83 | 0 | 730 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | Karnataka | 8,559 | 4,152 | 21 | 3,127 | 1,203 | 56 |
| 12 | Kerala | 1,879 | 172 | 0 | 1,291 | 335 | 81 |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 5,385 | 4,720 | 0 | 178 | 481 | 6 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 3,989 | 1,415 | 0 | 922 | 442 | 1,210 |
| 15 | Manipur | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 107 | 1 | 0 | 106 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Nagaland | 157 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | Orissa | 23,666 | 700 | 2 | 20,247 | 2,665 | 52 |
| 19 | Puducherry | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Punjab | 864 | 54 | 1 | 51 | 758 | 0 |
| 21 | Rajasthan | 37,658 | 11,775 | 66 | 103 | 24,787 | 927 |
| 22 | Tamil Nadu | 637 | 0 | 14 | 542 | 81 | 0 |
| 23 | Tripura | 7,102 | 1 | 2 | 7,097 | 2 | 0 |
| 24 | Uttar Pradesh | 5,911 | 1,768 | 873 | 2,800 | 455 | 15 |
| 25 | Uttarakhand | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | West Bengal | 10,773 | 582 | 5195 | 4,339 | 657 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 1,79,98 | 33,071 | 10,004 | l,01,845 | 32,497 | 2,571 |